Failure to check increasing crimes in the country

†*231. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that crimes in our country are increasing in alarming proportion;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to protect life and property of the citizens;

(c) whether India is now becoming a 'country of killers' due to increasing incidents of killing;

(d) the reasons for failure of our security system to check and contain increasing crimes; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to check increasing crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 1822602, 1878293 and 1989673 cases of IPC crimes were reported in the country during 2005-2007 respectively. A total of 3203735, 3224167 and 3743734 cases were reported in the country under various Special and Local Laws (SLLs) during 2005-2007 respectively.

(b) to (e) The crime rate defined as the 'number of crimes' per 1,00,000 population is universally taken as a realistic indicator since it balances the effect of growth in population. The IPC crime rate has declined by 2.7% during the decade 1997-2007 from 180.0 in 1997 to 175.1 in 2007. Incidence of Murder has decreased marginally by 0.5% during the year (from 32.481 cases in 2006 to 32,318 cases in 2007). The share of violent crimes in total IPC crimes has decreased continuously from 11.5% in 2003 to 10.8% in 2007. In view of the above, it would not be appropriate to say that crime is increasing in alarming proportion or that India is becoming a 'country of killers'.

'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through the machinery of their law enforcement agencies as also for protecting the life and property of the citizens. The Union Government, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and therefore, has continued to urge to the State Governments/UT Administrations to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for prevention and control of crime. The Central Government has also been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments through a variety of Schemes which, *inter-alia*, include:- assistance under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) for strengthening and improvement of infrastructure of police stations and other levels, mobility, modern weaponry and equipment, communication systems,

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strengthening of the intelligence machinery, training facilities, strengthening the forensic Science related facilities, etc; assistance for computerization of police operations at the level of the Police Stations with networking facilities and creation of data bases at the local, State and national levels under a scheme "Crime and Criminal Tracking and Networking System" (CCTNS) with an allocation of Rs. 2000/- crore in the Eleventh Plan; assistance for raising India Reserve Battalions with provisions for raising two companies of such Battalions as Commando units; *etc.*

Sale of land of Malwa Mill, Indore by NTC

†*232. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision to dispose of the land of Malwa Mill in Indore has been taken by National Textile Corporation (NTC);

(b) if so, the time when and the level at which the decision thereto was taken;

(c) the total area of land that Malwa Mill, Indore has, the rate and the value at which the land is being sold and to whom; and

(d) whether the sale-deed covers land only or the entire goods available in the Mill campus?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Indore Malwa United Mills (IMU) was declared sick under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. As per Rehabilitation Scheme for National Textile Corporation (NTC), sanctioned by the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) on 12.02.2002 and approved by the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) in its meeting held on 27.02.2003, surplus land and assets of closed mills are to be disposed of.

(c) IMU has total land of 104.21 acres, out of which, 19.92 acres have been sold at a total value of Rs. 88.04 crores. The balance land available for sale is 59.29 acres. The land is sold to highest bidder, based on open tender evaluated by a duly constituted Assets Sale Committee in accordance with BIFR guidelines. Details of 19.92 acres of land already sold are as under:—

Area (in acre)	Location	Sale Price (Rs. in crores)	Name of the Party to whom the land sold
1	2	3	4
3.12	NTC House, 27, Yeshwant Niwas Road, Indore	81.81	M/s. Sai Charan Properties Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.
0.76	58, Yeshwant Niwas Road, Indore.	5.11	M/s. Nandlal Kamlesh Kumar Pachpahar, District Jhalawar, Rajasthan

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